

**Application No.:** 10/519,338  
**Filing Date:** September 19, 2005

## **SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW**

### Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview was conducted on June 9, 2008 and attended by Megan Yarnall, Josué Villalta, and Alejandro Muñoz.

### Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None

### Identification of Claims Discussed

Independent Claims 1, 8

### Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Pilliar (U.S. Pat. No. 3,855,638) and Steinemann (U.S. Pat. No. 5,456,723)

### Proposed Amendments

The Examiner suggested amendment to Claim 8 to distinguish the open-pored structure from the micro-structure.

### Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicant noted that Pilliar teaches a porous metal coating with pore sizes greater than 50 microns and teaches away from pore sizes less than 50 microns. Applicant further noted that Steinemann does not teach "open-pores" as used in the application herein and teaches away from a contact surface roughness of more than 20 microns.

### Results of Interview

The Examiner noted Applicant's arguments in reference to Claims 1 and 8 and the meaning of "open-pores" as used in the application herein. Applicant agreed to submit a response to the Final Office Action and the Examiner agreed to consider the response.